

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH SESSION
OF THE
Jefferson Davis County
Baptist Association



HELD WITH
CARSON BAPTIST CHURCH



Friday Morning, September 26, 1924.

The Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association in its twelfth annual session met with Carson Baptist Church.

After singing songs of praise Brother B. E. Philips was asked to conduct devotional exercises. He read a few verses from the 24th chapter of Luke and a few verses from the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

Prayer was then offered by Brother L. E. Lightsey.

The Moderator then called the Association to order ready for transaction of business.

Brethren J. M. Fortenberry, L. B. Thompson and S. P. Riley were appointed as Finance Committee.

Letters from the different churches were then called for, and the Clerk authorized to enroll the names of the delegates as follows, viz:

Antioch—E. R. Broom, J. M. Bass, W. R. Bullock, J. A. Garner, R. H. Polk.

Bassfield—L. C. Burkett, R. J. Lowrey, Clyde Burkett, C. W. Applewhite, Dr. W. W. Applewhite.

Bethany—J. O. Buckley, Mrs. J. O. Buckley, Dale Stamps, J. J. Chance, J. M. Polk.

Carson—W. H. Izard, W. D. Turnage, S. J. Garner, N. T. Nichols.

Dublin—C. J. Jones, J. C. King, B. F. Dyess.

Ebenezer—R. E. Sinclair, C. O. Miller, L. B. Thompson, Mrs. L. B. Thompson, Mrs. May Allen, Miss Della Evans.

Hathorn—O. H. Tolar, J. B. White, J. A. Davis, J. W. Stamps, B. C. Stamps.

Hebron—A. H. Dale, J. O. Sutton, W. C. Huchins, T. D. Bethea, S. P. Riley, A. C. Berry.

Hepzibah—Homer Hedgepeth, A. W. Tolar, P. G. Daniel, J. L. Speights, J. M. Bronton.

Prentiss—J. C. Polk, I. F. Dale, G. L. Martin, T. L. Jones, Mrs. J. T. Magee.

Oak Grove—B. B. Mikel, B. M. Brady, Miss Lucille Bozeman.

Phalti—J. M. Booth, Mrs. J. M. Booth, L. J. Roberts, F. R. Polk.

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Society Hill—L. R. Upton, Knox Polk, J. M. Fortenberry, F. Parkman, E. T. Nelson, Mrs. Hugh Haynes.

Terry Chapel—H. O. McPhail, C. R. Raynes, B. S. Adams.

Victory—J. L. Deville, Nathan Carter, Caesar Coulter, J. P. Pippen.

White Sand—C. V. Sutton, L. W. Bass, D. W. Weathersby, J. M. Bridges, L. A. Miller, D. O. Garner.

On motion the rules of electing officers to the Association by ballot were suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation: A. H. Dale, Moderator; J. M. Fortenberry, Treasurer; and L. C. Burkett, Clerk.

On motion a regular order of business was read and adopted, as follows:

Received correspondence as follows: Dr. R. B. Gunter, representing Baptist State Board; Brother L. E. Lightsey, representing the Baptist Record and Baptist Book Store.

Messengers from other Associations: Rev. J. P. Williams, Moderator of Simpson County Association; Rev. B. E. Philips, J. A. Polk, J. J. Hedgepeth, Henry Fortenberry, Miss Gertie O. Mayo and Margaret Armstrong, from Lawrence County Association.

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters. There being none, those who were to read reports were then called. There being some absent, the Moderator asked the following brethren to write reports: L. E. Lightsey, Religious Schools; L. C. Burkett, Church Discipline.

On motion—

Resolved, that any member of this Association who is in good standing with his Church is authorized to represent this association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

On motion the Moderator was given power to appoint such committees as he deemed necessary.

On motion the Nomination Committee was granted the power to select a member from each church in the Association to sit as an Executive Council for the churches.

On motion further business was suspended and Brother J. P. Williams preached the associational sermon, using for a text 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter and 7th verse.

Announcements.

Adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by J. J. Hedgepeth.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session

Devotional song service.

Prayer b Brother J. P. Deer.

Association was then called to order, ready for the transaction of business.

Brother L. E. Lightsey read the report on Christian Religious Schools. J. B. Quinn read the report on Ministerial Education. C. V. Sutton read the report on Ministerial Relief and Annuities.

These reports were discussed in a group by Brethren L. E. Lightsey, J. B. Quinn, J. P. Williams, R. B. Gunter, Miss^t Gertie Omayer and H. P. Price.

On motion these reports were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The most powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. Extensive and permanent conquest can not be made for our Master without a trained leadership.

A trained Baptist leadership is impossible without unadulterated Baptist colleges. Almost a century ago some Mississippi Baptists realized this fact and laid the foundation for the splendid system of schools which we so proudly claim today.

Mississippi College

Founded in 1826, came under Baptist control in 1850. The history of the old college is a glorious one. The enrollment last year was 416 during regular term and 206 during the summer term, not counting any one student twice the enrollment was 522.

Mississippi Woman's College

The Woman's College began its work twelve years ago in a wooden building and a faculty consisting of eight instructors; today the faculty numbers thirty-five. The campus contains forty acres. The enrollment last year was a little over five hundred. We have eight well equipped buildings, and the school is now a member of the Southern Association of Colleges, thus giving her a standing with other colleges and institutions not hitherto enjoyed.

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Clarke Memorial College

Clarke Memorial College is our co-educational junior college. Four years of accredited high school work and four years of college work are offered. Brothers and sisters are now permitted to attend college together and study side by side.

Splendid courses are offered in the study of the Bible. Dr. A. Venabl has charge of this for next session.

The old administration building lost by fire; has a new \$50,000. fireproof building going up now.

Hillman College

Hillman College is a private school, but it was founded by Baptist. It is owned by Baptists, and endorsed by the Baptist State Convention, and is located in the center of Baptist influence. All departments are handled by specialists. Religious advantages in Clinton are the very best. Hillman College does not ask for financial aid but only the interest, prayers, and patronage of the people she is serving.

Baptist Bible Institute

The Baptist Bible Institute gives a full Theological Education. **Two hundred fifty pupils enrolled last year; prospects are much brighter for the coming session.** This school is also co-educational, and it has wrought miracles in the city of New Orleans.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Enrollment last year '649, 960 in the correspondence department.

The graduating class last year consisted of 14 professors and 20 assistants. The buildings are worth \$1,200,000.00 and we have an endowment of \$466,000.00. We would urge that our people stand by these institutions with their prayers, encouragement, and money.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. LIGHTSEY.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We are living in a day when education is being emphasized as never before in the history of this country. It is literally permeating the remotest rural districts. Trained men and women are wanted and are greatly in demand every where and in every walk of life. If one wants a lawyer, he wants one well versed in law and able to

handle his case with the greatest accuracy and skill. When a member of any family is seriously ill, neither time nor money is spared in securing the best medical aid. The business man seeks the best qualified bookkeeper. The best qualified school teacher is sought.

Men of all walks of life are realizing the place of education in a man's life. The farmer has realized that the farm is not a refuge for the ignorant, but the place where men of skill are needed. If this be true, and it is, is it not highly important that the ministers of the gospel have the best training possible? They must take advantage of every opportunity to equip themselves for leadership.

Blue Mountain College

Blue Mountain College has been in existence fifty-two years. She is better prepared now than ever before, people convenience and thorough training. Blue Mountain College was the second one of our schools to be placed upon the list of Southern Association of Colleges.

Mississippi Baptists are providing for their ministerial students at Mississippi and Clarke Memorial Colleges as good literary training as can be secured any where. And we are sure that no college has at the head of its Bible department better men than we have in the persons of Drs. M. O. Patterson and R. A. Venable. And in addition, Southern Baptists have as good seminaries and training schools as any body, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, the Bible Institute, New Orleans, and the two training schools, one in Louisville, and the other in Fort Worth. Every young Baptist minister should endeavor to finish at one of these colleges and seminaries.

The young preacher of today must realize that if he measures up as a leader of God's people he must be equipped both spiritually and intellectually. People are requiring it, and God requires it. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15.) "Moses was trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." "Paul was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel and taught according to the perfect law of the fathers." "One of God's noblemen" began to speak boldly in the synagogue, whom when Aquilla and Pricilla had heard

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they took and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. So, we would advise our young preachers not to lose sight of this important matter.

We would advise also, our Baptist people to lend their sympathetic and financial aid to the Ministerial Board in its efforts to worthy young men whom God has called and who are struggling to equip themselves for greater service in the kingdom. It's worth your most earnest support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. QUINN

Announcements.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Prayer by J. O. Buckley.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

After singing songs of praise, Brother J. L. Low conducted devotional exercises. He read the first 9 verses of the 18th chapter of Luke.

Prayer was offered by Brother L. E. Lightsey.

The Association was then called to order, ready for the transaction of business.

Minutes of Friday's session were read, corrected, and adopted.

The report on Christian Stewardship was read by J. B. Quinn.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

In studying this subject the first thought that came to my mind was that it would be more appropriate to qualify the subject by styling it "Christian Stewardship" instead of merely "Stewardship" for we are not stewards of anything that is God's until we are His. Until we repent and trust in Jesus as our personal Saviour we have no inheritance in His kingdom, neither have we any portion with the Believers, nor can we share in the peace and joy that comes only to the Christian.

When I say that we have no portion with the Believers until we ourselves have repented and trusted in Jesus as our personal Saviour I do not mean by that that the innocent child that passes out into Eternity does not enter into the Christian's rest, for our blessed Saviour, on one occasion in speaking of little children said "of such is the kingdom of God", and on another, "in heaven their angels do always behold the face of their Father which is in heaven".

In dealing with Christian Stewardship we must recognize the great truth of God's ownership of all things. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein".

Even our bodies and our lives are not our own. They belong to God. God created them. "In the image of God created He us". Our bodies are the temple of God in which His Spirit dwells. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are". "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's". God created our bodies and gave us a soul that we may glorify Him. The Spirit of God dwells in our bodies to accomplish His purposes, and it is with this thought in view that we are to live. We are His for carrying on the work that He started, and to glorify Him. We should not defile, neither abuse, nor neglect to care for the body which God has given us, but let the work of our hands, the thoughts of our minds, the motions of our spirit be all for God's glory.

Then, the material things that God has given to us should be used in promoting His kingdom in the earth, and for glorifying Him. He intended that His people should have control of the material things of the world for His glory and honor, and we should bear this in mind in our every act and deed. We are stewards of all that God has given us, whether it be of houses and lands, silver, or gold, or goods, or wealth of whatever nature, "it all belongs to God. He merely permits us to use it according to our ability, to control it in such a way as will derive the largest returns for His kingdom. "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it" is the command that God gave to Adam and Eve and to all men and women since the time He spoke to them.

Our Creator has endowed us with a gift, or talent, and "as every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another", freely, "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God". "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God, if he minister let him minister according to the ability which God has given him."

"Now, there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, differences of administrations, but the same Lord, diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all".

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Let us stir up the gift that is within us, and labor diligently earnestly for the advancement of God's kingdom as long as we live. Let us pray God that we may discover the gift, or talent that He has endowed us with that we may use it in a manner acceptable to Him. Let us not be as the servant who received the one talent from his Lord, but let us ever strive to make the most profitable use of the talent He has given us that it may be well with us when He comes to reward His servants. Blessed is that man whose talent, however small it may be, will bring forth fruit for his Master an hundred fold. We are in this world for a purpose and that is to bear fruit for God's kingdom, and whenever we fail to use our God-given talents with an end in view we are not pleasing Him, and in His sight are as a barren fig tree. May we live and labor as faithful stewards that when the Master cometh to reward His servants we may hear the praise "well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter, thou, into the joy of thy Lord".

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. LEE, Committee

The report on Woman's Work was read by L. C. Burkett.

WOMAN'S WORK

Your committee submits the following report:

At our annual meeting which convened with Hebron Baptist Church August 21 and 22, 1924, ten (10) societies out of fourteen (14) were represented.

The records show that we have ten (10) young people's organizations, namely: Five (5) Sunbeam Bands, two (2) Royal Ambassadors, three (3) Girls' Auxiliaries. These Auxiliaries have paid one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the 75 Million Campaign, besides what they have given to other objects.

Our women have always paid up their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign. The report from August, 1923 to August, 1924, shows the amount paid by the women to different objects are as follows: There are fourteen (14) churches organized in W. M. U. work, 313 active members.

To 75 Million Campaign.....	\$4,204.07
To Home Uses.....	1,137.15
To Scholarship Fund.....	15.00
To Personal Service.....	250.00
To Hospital in Japan.....	15.00

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To Roumanian girls in our Training School.....	5.00
To Ministerial Students in Mississippi College.....	40.00
To Orphanage.....	80.00
To Pastor's Salary.....	461.00
To Visiting Ministers.....	152.00
Total.....	\$6,360.12
Number Baptist Records.....	127
Home and Foreign Fields.....	16
Royal Services.....	35
World Comrades.....	7
Mission Study Classes.....	3
Bible Classes.....	4
Number Tithers.....	25

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. T. HATHORN.

J. L. Low read the report on Publication.

PUBLICATION

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

The Baptist Record, "the official organ of Mississippi Baptists", should be in every Baptist family in the state of Mississippi. Yet out of approximately forty thousand Baptists only about ten thousand receive the weekly visits of this paper.

This we see leaves some thirty thousand Baptist families in Mississippi without any means of knowing what Mississippi Baptists are doing. This is true because of all the multitudinous publications that go forth daily.

The Baptist Record is the only one that ever proposes to publish an account of the work being done by Mississippi.

In addition to the news of our Convention work, we often have articles written by our sanest and safest brethren on our vital doctrines. One of these now and then is easily worth the price of the paper for a whole year.

Then besides the Record every Baptist family should take Home and Foreign Fields and the Orphanage Gem.

If for any reason the last two cannot be taken, the Baptist Record if taken and read will keep any one family posted about all our work.

In addition to the above mentioned publications, your committee recommends that other things being equal our people buy books from our Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LOW.

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These reports were discussed in a group by J. B. Quin, Sister T. Magee, J. L. Lowe, J. O. Buckley, and L. E. Lightsey.

On motion these reports were adopted as follows:

J. P. Williams read the report on Missions—Home, State and Foreign.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The subject of missions is ever with us, indeed our Saviour made it a condition of his presence that we be missionary, in Matt. 28:19, he said "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." And he indicates the scope of our operations in Acts chapter 1:8, saying "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. State missions are primal and have a two-fold purpose, First to Christianize our own state, and the motive is both religious and patriotic. Then we seek thus to develop a base of supplies with which to enlarge all other co-operative work of the denomination. This Board directs the following activities:

One hundred twenty-five churches helped to pay the pastor; four enlisted missionaries; five regular Sunday School workers; two B. Y. P. U. workers; two W. M. U. workers; some other workers were used temporarily in these departments. The Board lends a helping hand also to the school of evangelism meeting annually at Clinton, Mid-winter Bible school at New Orleans, work among the negroes, the Creoles, the Indians, the ministerial student fund, religious work in state schools, seminaries and training schools.

Home missions is complementary to state missions and has the following departments of service: Evangelistic work; co-operative mission work; in connection with the states, Building and Loan fund capitalized at a million dollars; mountain schools; two hospitals, one in operation in El Paso, one to be built in New Orleans. Since the beginning of the evangelistic work some years ago there have been 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or missionary work under this department. The Foreign work has been wonderfully prospered. In four years the number of foreign missionaries was increased from 328 to 540, native workers from 627 to 2,820, number of churches from 505 to 891, the number of members from 49,659 to 103,325, the

number of baptisms from 5,635 to 12,611, Sunday Schools from 760 to 1,447, number of pupils from 36,115 to 67,407, number of day schools from 512 to 796, and the number of pupils from 15,722 to 32,789. These figures show a marvelous prosperity, and therein lies our crisis. Have we advanced beyond our ability to hold the lines? The answer to this question is bound up in our final disposition of the 75 Million Campaign. What we do in that will determine whether we go forward or retrench. If our people accept the fact of their stewardship and heed the instructions of their Lord and Master we will go forward in a worthy way. We recommend that this association pledge to our State Mission Board her hearty co-operation in a strenuous effort to finish up the 75 Million Campaign in a worthy way and also to reach the \$700,000 quota for Mississippi in 1925.

J. P. WILLIAMS.

J. B. Quin read the report on the 75 Million Campaign.

\$75,000,000 CAMPAIGN AND THE NEW PROGRAM

Southern Baptists gathered in the city of Atlanta in 1919, led by the Holy Spirit, launched, not one of the greatest, but the greatest program and campaign for world's redemption since the days of Paul. They did not know then, or do they know now the full meaning of this great campaign. Eternity alone will reveal it.

We are thanking God for the unifying and enlisting effects upon our Southern Baptist hosts, giving them as never before a vision of their resources, power and task, increasing their gifts along all lines and intensifying their missionary, educational and evangelistic zeal.

Mississippi's receipts at large from the beginning of the campaign until now are \$2,772,752.29. We lacked up to June the 18th \$729,247.71 on our quota; \$1,535,427.63 on our pledge. The receipts from this Association up to July 31st this year were \$30,806.36, leaving a balance due by December 31st, \$21,276.08. So, it is exceedingly important that our churches give themselves zealously to the raising of this balance or as much of it as possible.

New Program

The Southern Baptist Convention in session in Atlanta last May recommended that Southern Baptists undertake to raise for next year—1925—the handsome sum of \$15,000,000, to be divided equally between Southwide objects and denominational work within the respective states.

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Mississippi proposes to raise \$700,000 of this amount, \$350,000 for Southwide objects and \$350,000 for State Missions. Our Association has been asked to raise \$11,100 of this amount. This money to be used for the same objects as the \$75,000,000 Campaign money. Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education, State Missions, Hospitals, Orphanages and Aged Ministers Relief.

Recommendations

We would recommend:

That serious, careful and prayerful consideration be given to the plans and programs arranged and being arranged for putting over these tasks in a worthy way.

That this Association accept the quota suggested as our goal for next year, and that every church be urged to raise the quota suggested and go beyond it, if possible, and it is possible for some of our churches to go beyond it.

That we set aside October the 19th as a day of prayer and supplication in our Association and that every church try to observe it.

That our churches be asked to hold all day services some time during the month of November that our pastors have an opportunity to present in a definite way the great campaign causes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. QUIN.

These reports were discussed in a group by J. P. Williams, J. L. Low, B. P. Price, and J. B. Quin.

On motion they were adopted as follows:

Announcements.

Adjourned for one hour.

Prayer by J. L. Low.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session

Devotional song service.

Prayer by Henry Fortenberry.

The Association was called to order ready for the transaction of business.

Report on Digest of Letters was read by J. O. Buckley.

On motion this report was adopted as follows:

Report on Nominations was read by J. O. Buckley.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Nominations beg to submit the following report:

The following brethren will write reports, on the following subjects:

Denominational Schools—G. L. Martin.
Ministerial Education—W. J. Burkett.
Ministerial Relief and Annuities—Knox Polk.
Layman's Work—C. V. Sutton.
W. M. U. Work—Mrs. J. B. Quin.
Stewardship—J. O. Buckley.
Religious Literature—J. P. Deer.
Orphanage—W. C. Hutchens.
Missions, State and Home—B. E. Philips.
Hospitals—Charley Magee.
Social Evils—Edgar Lee.
Sunday School and B. Y. F. U.—Larkin Thompson.
Foreign Missions—J. B. Quin.

We recommend that the Association meet with Victory Baptist Church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1925. We also recommend that B. E. Philips preach the associational sermon, with J. B. Quin alternate.

We recommend as your messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention J. O. Buckley, and J. B. Quin as alternate.

We further recommend that the Association defray his expenses.

We also recommend the following brethren as our Executive Committee to be certified by the churches:

Antioch—W. J. Barnes.
Bassfield—L. C. Burkett.
Bethany—J. J. Chance.
Carson—A. E. Nelson.
Dublin—J. C. King.
Ebenezer—F. A. Hathorn.
Hebron—W. C. Hutchens.
Hepzibah—W. L. Daniel.
Hathorn—J. W. Stamps.
Oak Grove—B. B. Mikell.
Prentiss—T. L. Jones.

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Phalli—W. H. Thompson.
 Society ill—Fleet Parkinson.
 Terrys Chapel—H. L. McPhail.
 White Sand—C. V. Sutton.
 Victory—J. C. Warren.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BURROW,
 R. H. SINCLAIR,
 B. O. THOMPSON.

On motion pending the adoption of this report it was amended by striking out Victory Church and inserting Hathorn Church.

L. B. Thompson read the report of the Finance Committee. On motion it was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Finance begs to make the following report:
 We have collected \$76.05 for associational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FORTENBERRY,
 L. B. THOMPSON,
 S. P. RILEY.

The Treasurer of this Association received \$76.05 from the Finance Committee.

J. M. FORTENBERRY.

J. M. Fortenberry read the Treasurer's report. On motion it was adopted as follows:

On motion the churches agreed to raise \$50.00 among themselves to defray some of the expense of the Woman's Missionary Unions.

J. O. Buckley read the report on the Orphanage.

ORPPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage is an institution established and maintained by the Baptist denomination, for the care and training of dependent children, and the relief of mothers who are left with families of children, so that the mother may regain her health and thereby be in position to have her children returned to her.

We are caring for through the Orphanage each year from 175 to 200 children, some of these children growing up to manhood and

womanhood in the institution, and receiving such training and education that prepares them for duties and responsibilities of life.

Your Committee is not advised as to health of children, but judge where there are so many, there is some sickness, but nothing of serious nature.

Our equipment consists of property value of from 125 thousand to 150 thousand dollars. We are not in position to give information as to crop conditions, but judge that to be about as ours.

A word as to needs of Orphanage: Their needs may be met in some way that we meet the needs of our children, hence the necessity of those who made pledges to pay them, and those who made no pledge to make one and then pay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUCKLEY.

L. C. Burkett read the report on Church Discipline.

These reports were discussed in a group by J. O. Buckley, L. C. Burkett and J. L. Low.

On motion these reports were adopted as follows:

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Your Committee begs to submit the following report:

The purpose of Church Discipline is to protect the members composing that body. Church discipline should never be given in a rash form, but should always be carried out in a spirit of meekness and love.

The Holy Book teaches us that the strong should bear the burdens of the weak. When we overtake a brother in a fault we should restore such one, bringing to him passages from the Word, and praying with him, thereby causing him to come back to the right path.

We are as a denomination becoming too lenient along the line of church discipline, because it brings a criticism upon the church of the living God that ought not to be tolerated. Many times it may hinder people who might line themselves up with the church, from doing what they know God wants them to do. And too it might be a stumbling block in the way of an unsound person. We go to God's Word. What is the price of a soul, or what would you give in exchange for the soul? The answer in this case would come back in thunder tones, carelessness and neglect on the part of Christian people, or laxity on the part of church discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. BURKETT.

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A special collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to \$53.15.

On motion the Treasurer of this Association is authorized to pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his services during this session.

On motion the Clerk is authorized and directed to have 250 copies of the minutes published, and to be distributed to the churches as requested in their letters.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and they are hereby tendered the members of this church, and to the people of this community for the hospitable way in which they have entertained this Association.

Announcements.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by J. P. Williams.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

After singing songs of praise, Brother J. R. Carter led in prayer.

The Association was then called to order ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. was read by L. R. Upton.

This report was discussed by Brethren L. C. Burkett, H. C. Stringer, J. O. Buckley, Ed Broom, J. B. Quin, and J. R. Carter.

On motion it was adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND B. Y. P. U.

The Sunday School may be termed an auxiliary of the Church, and stands foremost in the teaching and training of our people, more especially our young people; it better fits them for a life of service for the Master, it tends to create in the child life the spirit of giving of their means for the propagation of the Master's Word from Samaria to the uttermost parts of the earth. We have 1,301 Sunday Schools in the state, an increase of 144 within the past year; an enrollment of 120,146, an increase of 24,296 within the past year; 4,167 awards within the past year; 116 blue seals, 336 red seals, and 1,227 diplomas

were given out. The Sunday School department in addition to its secretary, assistant secretary, and workers, among the primaries, as heretofore reported, has two regular secretaries employed for doing the work among the country churches and Sunday Schools. These brethren are Wyatte Hunter and H. E. Spell. They are both graduates of Mississippi College, and are well qualified for the work for which they have been chosen. . .

The B. Y. P. U. is also a very important auxiliary of the church, and our people are realizing more and more the importance of training our young people for service, and it is being manifested in the fact that we have an increase of from 700 to 925 Unions since the last report of the associations. It is believed also that the number will reach 1,000 by November the first. This is a remarkable growth, and should encourage us to press on. The idea of organizing the "Training Department" as thoroughly as any other department of the church has led to the "General Organizations of the B. Y. P. U.", which gives five general officers and three committees, at the general meeting of all Unions in a church, to last fifteen minutes, of the weekly meeting, at which time reports from each Union are given with short special programs of not more than five minutes. This ties the Unions department of the B. Y. P. U. together and tends to emphasize the relation of the training department of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. UPTON.

Announcements.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Hathorn Baptist Church in the southwestern part of Jefferson Davis County on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, at 10 o'clock, 1925.

Closing prayer by J. B. Quin.

A. H. DALE, Moderator.

L. C. BURKETT, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CARSON CHURCH

Friday Morning

- 10:00 Association called to order—Devotional.
Calling for letters and seating messengers and organization.
- 11:15 Associational sermon—J. P. Williams.
General announcements.
Adjourn for dinner.

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH SESSION

Friday Afternoon

- 1:30 Association called to order—Prayer.
 Petitionary letters.
 Correspondence received and arranged.
 Appointment of committees.
- 2:15 Reading of reports as follows:
 Christian education;
 Ministerial education.
 General discussion.
- 4:00 Miscellaneous business and announcements.
 Adjournment.

Saturday Morning

- 9:00 Association called to order—Devotional.
 W. M. U. work;
 Stewardship;
 Religious literature.
 General discussion.
- 10:00 Missions:
 'State, Home and Foreign, and report on 75 Million Campaign
 and New Program.
 General discussion.
 Miscellaneous business, and announcements.
 Adjourn for dinner.

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:15 Association called to order—Prayer.
 Orphanage.
 Church discipline.
 General discussion.
- 3:45 Miscellaneous business and announcements.
 Adjournment.

Sunday Morning

- 10:00 Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Mass meeting.
 Reading of reports on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.
 General discussion.
 Final adjournment.
 Preaching in the afternoon is so desired.

That it is the opinion of this body representing approximately 2,700 professions Christians in Jeff. Davis County, that the liquor traffic is a nefarious and wicked business, a business for which nothing good can be said, in which nothing can be found, from which

nothing good can arise, but on the other hand, a business more destructive than war, pestilence or famine, a cancer in human society, eating out its vitals and threatening its destruction, a business productive of idleness, pauperism, disease and crime. The perpetrator of it, in the language of another, "An artist in human slaughter", "the poisoner's General driving men to hell like sheep", "a public agent of degradation".

2. That we call upon our public officers of law, from town marshal and district constable to the judge on the bench, to enforce the law regardless of personalities, kinship and other ties. Be instant in season and out of season; be a terror to evil doers and bear not the sword in vain.

3. That we as individual citizens, men and women of God, agree: that when called upon to serve as witnesses or jurors to uphold the Constitution under which we are living and to which we have sworn allegiance to refrain from signing pardoning petitions and going the bonds of outstanding and known to be bootleggers, to encourage and support our officers and courts in the enforcement of law regardless of personalities.

4. That we call upon and implore our attorneys at law, that for the sake of humanity and righteousness, that as far as possible, to abstain from taking as clients for defense men and women known to be outstanding bootleggers and thus assist the courts in routing the liquor business.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. U. JEFF. DAVIS CO.

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MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH SESSION

STATISTICS

CHURCH	PASTOR	Baptists	Members	Pastors Salary	75 Million Campaign	Church Expenses	Other Causes	W. M. U.	B. Y. P. U.	Total Contributions All Purposes	Contributed by W. M. U.
Antioch	J. B. Quinn	13	139	\$ 250.00	\$ 135.65	\$ 116.39	\$ 49.70	1	1	\$ 551.74	\$
Basfield	J. L. Low	33	190	480.00	266.50	118.91	272.62	1	1	1,138.03	165.16
Bethany	J. O. Buckley	17	211	300.00	275.05	14.35	5.00	1	1	594.40	
Carson	J. B. Quinn	440	440	200.00	66.00	393.43	3.00	1	2	662.43	69.00
Ebenezer	J. B. Hemphill	12	215	300.00	160.00	25.21		1		485.21	
Hathorn	J. E. Phillips	4	154	300.00		270.00	81.00	1		651.00	
Hebron	J. P. Williams	7	269	400.00	839.00	28.05	227.60	1		1,494.65	364.05
Hepziba	J. O. Buckley	14	237	275.00	117.50	23.08	63.00	1		478.58	10.10
Oak Grove	C. W. Block	4	116	200.00	102.00		22.75	1		324.75	69.75
Phalti	J. B. Quinn	11	140	300.00	318.25	35.00	65.00	1	1	718.25	
Prentiss	J. B. Quinn	13	210	1,200.00	3,265.19	540.37	1,144.27	1	3	6,149.83	1,274.69
Society Hill	J. O. Buckley	15	218	300.00	258.20	175.00	341.76	1		1,074.96	
Victory	J. L. Watts	16	148	150.00			72.15	1		222.15	
Trony's Chapel	J. J. Hedgepeth		57	65.00	5.00	6.00	28.90	1		104.90	55.25
Dublin	J. T. Dale	11	108	150.00	27.50	21.55	48.60	1		247.65	
Whitesand		23	265	250.00	589.00	48.42	290.41	1		1,177.83	
Grand Total		299	2,668	\$5,120.00	\$6,421.84	\$7,815.76	\$2,713.66	14	11	7,816,076.46	\$2,465.51

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